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## LEHI CONTINUES SIGNIFICANT STREET REPAIR PROGRAM

Proactive Repair Program Seeks to Maintain City Infrastructure

**Lehi, Utah | September 10, 2013** – Lehi City’s Public Works Department is continuing its proactive street repair program in an effort to maintain the City’s transportation infrastructure. Lehi is in the process of, or has recently completed, repairs on 500 West from Main Street to State Street, 300 West from the Frontage Road to 2600 North, 600 East from 900 North to Main Street, Center Street from 3200 North to 2600 North, subdivisions in the northwest corner of the City, Ashton Boulevard from the Frontage Road to Clubhouse Drive, and 425 West at 3200 North.

Almost all of the roads are being chip sealed, with the subdivisions in the northwest corner of the City being fog sealed, Ashton Boulevard being slurry sealed, and 425 West being completely reconstructed. Although chip sealing causes inconvenience to drivers for a couple days, it is an important and cost effective way to maintain and repair major collector streets in the City.

Chip sealing involves the City putting down “chips” to seal cracks in the road. The City then uses a pneumatic roller to press sections of the street that see little traffic, like the center lines and the shoulders, and relies on traffic to press the rest of the chips into the existing surface. This creates a new surface that bears the burden of additional damage.

“Chip sealing is an important maintenance tool that extends the life of a road for up to 10 years for about one tenth the cost of new pavement” said Lehi Streets Superintendent Wade Allred.



**Lehi street crews chip seal a local road.**

Lehi uses slurry sealing on minor collector roads. Slurry sealing is similar to chip sealing and extends the life of a road for seven years for about one sixth the cost of new pavement. Fog sealing is a new program that Lehi has instituted to maintain its residential streets. Fog sealing is a low-impact spray that extends the life of a road for up to five years at about one thirtieth the cost of new pavement. Allred says that his goal is to re-spray all residential areas in the City every 4 years.

Lehi City will continue to proactively work on road maintenance and repair in ways that are cost effective to Lehi taxpayers. Lehi’s road maintenance program is an important aspect of ensuring that Lehi has the necessary infrastructure to encourage and support continuing commercial and residential growth.

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